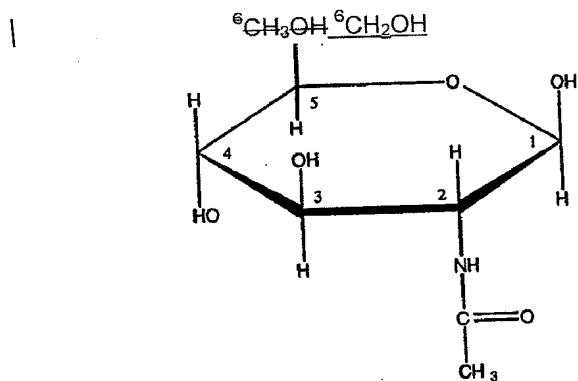


Amendments to the Specification and Abstract

Please replace the paragraph on page 3 line 18 with the following amended paragraph:

The said N-acetyl-D-glucosamine is a compound having a molecular formula of $C_8H_{15}NO_6$ and a structure formula (I).



Please delete the original Abstract and add the new Abstract attached at the end of this Amendment.